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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/306,420

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: May 6, 1999

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Title: VIRAL VARIANTS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment 33 minus highest number  
previously paid for 32 (at least 20) = 1 x \$ 18.00

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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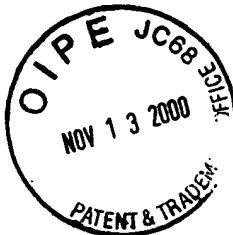
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Monday, November 13, 2000

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including November 13, 2000, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 9, line 27, delete

"X<sub>16</sub>TX<sub>17</sub>X<sub>16</sub>X<sub>19</sub>KLHX<sub>20</sub>X<sub>21</sub>HPIX<sub>22</sub>LGX<sub>3</sub>RKX<sub>4</sub>PMGX<sub>5</sub>GLSX<sub>6</sub>FLX<sub>7</sub>AQFTSAX<sub>8</sub>X<sub>9</sub>" and insert

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